(a) what special facilities are being offered to foreign tourists; and

(b) the details for different parts of the country separately ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Tourist facilities are generally made available to both Domestic and Foreign Tourists. Discover India packages on Indian Airlines, Indrail Passes on Trains, Foreign Tourist Quota on Trains through International Tourist Bureaus at Metro Cities are the main facilities especially extended to foreign tourists.

Business deals in tourism during American President's Visit

3943. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian and American companies have clinched business deals in the tourism sector during the visit of President Clinton to India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Development of Tourism in Kerala

3944. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of total amount set by the Central Government for the development of tourism in the country especially in Kerala during Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) whether any detailed scheme has been submitted by the State Government for the overall development of tourism in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Rs. 16132.00 lakhs have been allocated during the Ninth Five Plan for development of tourist infrastructure in the country in the Central sector.

Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with the State Governments every year. Rs. 1524.33